# Principles of Private Law

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## ***COURSE AIMS AND INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES***

Teaching to students the methodological tools and basic notions to understand the subject, focusing on business activity also from a practical point of view.

At the end of the course the student:

* will have learnt the essential private patrimonial law and will be able to grasp their importance in the life of a business;
* will be able to conceive solutions for non-complex issues in the life of a business involving private patrimonial law;
* will have the ability to formulate independent basic judgments, discuss and evaluate solutions provided by legal advisors.

***COURSE CONTENT***

Legal Order - Sources of Law - Law and Time - Application and Interpretation of Law - Legal Analogy and Reasoning - Legal Relationship - Subjective Juridical Situations - Natural persons - Legal persons and Non-profit Organizations - Brief References to Property and Possession - Publication of Legal Transactions - Obligations in General - Sources of Obligations - Duty to Performance - Creditor Default - Manners to Terminate the Obligation other than Performance - Succession in credit and debt - Non-performance and liability - Damages - Debtor Default e Unlimited Liability - Security Rights in Property - Protection of the Rights of Creditors - Contract’s Essential Elements - Types of Contracts - Formation of Contract - Voidability and Nullity of Contract - Representation - Effects of Contract - Condition, Term, and Onus - Preliminary Contract - Rescission and Dissolution of contract - Purchase, Leasing, and Contract for work and services.

***READING LIST***

G. Iudica – P. Zatti, *Language and Rules of Italian Private Law. A Brief Textbook,* Wolters Kluwer - Cedam, last edition. The chapters to be studied will be listed at the beginning of the course and on the Professor’s web page.

The lessons slides will be available on Blackboard.

***TEACHING METHOD***

Lectures on theory with the support of slides, discussions on specific topics and possible participation of experts.

***ASSESSMENT METHOD AND CRITERIA***

*Evaluation methods for attending students*

The overall evaluation is based on the outcome of 3 assignments posting during the classroom (2 multiple choice questions, each assignment will attribute a score from 0 to 1) and a written test lasting 90 minute (9 open-ended questions, each response will attribute a score from 0 to 3). The overall rating is given by the sum of each score.

*Evaluation mode for non-attending students*

The overall evaluation is based on a written test lasting 100 minute (10 open-ended questions). For each response will attribute a score from 0 to 3. The overall rating is given by the sum of each score.

#### The aim of exam is to assess the level of knowledge and understanding of candidate. Students are expected to prove that they know and control key concepts of private patrimonial law. The relevance of the answers, the adequate use of specific vocabulary, the reasoned and coherent structuring of the speech, the ability to identify conceptual links and open questions will contribute to the assessment.

***NOTES AND PREREQUISITES***

Attendance at the course, although not compulsory, is strongly recommended. The teaching material provided during the course and any material useful for exam preparation will be made available online.

The course is introductory; therefore, it does not require prerequisites related to the contents. However, interest and curiosity about the relevance of private law in the life of a business is assumed.

***OFFICE HOURS FOR STUDENTS***

Updated timetables on office hours are permanently available on the professor’s personal page at <http://docenti.unicatt.it/>.